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TO : Chief, Operations School

DATE: 10 July 1956

FROM : Chief Instructor, CE

SUBJECT: Final Course Report,
Counterespionage Operations No. 3

1. CEO No. 3 ended on 29 June 1956. The twelve students in attendance represented TSS, OTR, FE, SE, WE, EE, and SR Divisions. Grades ranged from GS-7 to GS-13. The experience level of this group was most uneven, a fact which even the students realized and criticised:

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a. [REDACTED] TSS, GS-9: "I have not checked through the training catalog, but I feel certain that there must be another course prerequisite to this one, to which I have not been exposed." (She has taken (1) Basic Intelligence Course and (2) Phase II.)

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b. [REDACTED] EE/FI, GS-9: "The only further comment I might make on the course is that I felt a lack of good discussion on the part of the students. This is probably due to the fact that a number of the students appeared to be lacking even a moderate amount of operational experience. I believe the course would have profited by the ability of each student to draw upon his or her experience as well as theory or past training."

2. These student comments raise the question, do we need a CE operations course in light of DD/P requirements? If we have reached the "bottom of the barrel" and this is to be the type of student, it is not an operations course but a basic orientation type that is needed. Actually, most of the students in CEO No. 3 were not prepared for CE operations but more for the CE bloc at [REDACTED]. A level such as this forces many changes in our schedule, if for no other reason than that they cannot keep pace.

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3. The students did not raise any basic objections to any part of the course and in fact wrote that they enjoyed, profited, and felt that others should take it. It is interesting to note the reaction of the two students who recently attended Operations Course No. 1 [REDACTED]. To question number 8 in Section IV and V of the Student Critique which asks, "To what extent was the material in this course a duplication of material covered in training courses which you have previously taken," they answered:

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a. [REDACTED] FE, GS-11: "To some extent the sixteen weeks Operations Course was a duplication. I am preparing a detailed paper on this for Mr. [REDACTED]—but can sum it up by saying that I found none of the repetition (and there was surprisingly little) objectionable..."

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No. 1. However, the specific cases studied are different and the problems presented make the repetition worthwhile - gives greater depth."

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Available for perusal at any time are the student critiques. Miss [REDACTED] has divided the student critique form into three sections, corresponding to the three major blocs of the instruction, i.e., (a) introduction, (b) foreign intelligence services, (c) operations. This division makes reading the critiques a bit easier.

4. CEO No. 4 begins on 23 July 1956.

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